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1. AP (FREED FROM WASHINGTON) -- "SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S LATEST OVERSEAS EXCURSION IS A COMBINATION OF SMALL GOALS, GOODWILL GESTURES AND VACATION.

HIS AIDES SAY THIS TOUR THROUGH SIX NATIONS OVER EIGHT DAYS HAS NO SPECIAL FOCUS AND PROMISES NO DRAMA.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE FIRST STOP IN LONDON TONIGHT INVOLVES A RELATIVELY BRIEF MEETING WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAY THERE IS NO AGENDA FOR THE SESSION, ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILL BE DISCUSSED.

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FROM LONDON, KISSINGER FLYS TO IRAN FOR AN ECONOMIC MEETING.

AGAIN, THESE TALKS ARE DESCRIBED AS ROUTINE AND NOTHING

DRAMATIC IS EXPECTED. THERE HAD BEEN SPECULATION THAT KISSINGER AND THE SHAH OF IRAN WOULD SIGN A PACT BY WHICH THE UNITED STATES WOULD SELL UP TO EIGHT NUCLEAR REACTORS TO THE PERSIAN GULF NATION.

HOWEVER, KISSINGER'S AIDES WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO DISCOURAGE SUCH REPORTS, SAYING THE REACTORS WOULD BE DISCUSSED BUT NO AGREEMENT SHOULD BE EXPECTED.

OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IN IRAN WILL BE THE PRICE OF OIL. HERE, TOO, NOTHING SPECIFIC IS PREDICTED.

SOME U.S. OFFICIALS SAY KISSINGER ACCEPTED THE IRAN INVITATION ONLY BECAUSE HE HAD POSTPONED TWO PREVIOUS TRIPS TO SEE THE SHAH AND HAD NO EXCUSE FOR NOT GOING THIS TIME.

A RECENT CONGRESSIONAL REPORT DESCRIBING MAMMOTH U.S. ARMS TRANSACTIONS WITH IRAN IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED IN ANY DETAIL, U.S. OFFICIALS ADDED. IF IT COMES UP AT ALL, THE ARMS DEAL WILL BE IN THE LOOSE CONTEXT OF OVER-ALL U.S.-IRANIAN RELATIONS.

THE NEXT STOP IS A FIVE-HOUR STAY IN AFGHANISTAN, FOLLOWED BY A SHORT FLIGHT TO PAKISTAN.

SOME STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAY KISSINGER IS ANXIOUS TO SHOW HIS INTEREST IN AFGHANISTAN BECAUSE THAT COUNTRY IS EXPECTED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN AN UPCOMING CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS IN SRI LANKA.

HOWEVER, SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT KISSINGER IS ALSO STOPPING IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN IN ORDER TO SHOW DISPLEASURE WITH NEIGHBORING INDIA.

BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE RELATIVELY COOL RELATIONS WITH NEW DEHLI AND KISSINGER IS MAKING THE STOPS 'TO SLIP THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEEDLE' TO INDIA.

INDIAN SOURCES IN WASHINGTON SAID KISSINGER MADE AN INFORMAL INQUIRY ABOUT STOPPING AT NEW DEHLI, BUT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT FELT SO PUT OFF BY THE NATURE OF THE QUERY THAT IT DID NOT EVEN ANSWER.

AFTER LEAVING PAKISTAN, THE SECRETARY FLIES MONDAY NIGHT TO FRANCE. HE HAS NO SCHEDULE THERE BUT PLANS A 36-HOUR BREAK IN DEAUVILLE ON THE NORMANDY COAST.

A WEEK FROM TODAY, KISSINGER WILL FLY TO THE NETHERLANDS FOR A SHORT MEETING WITH DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER MAX VAN DER STOEL.

OFFICIALS GAVE NO PARTICULAR REASON FOR THE NETHERLANDS STOP EXCEPT TO SAY THAT VAN DER STOEL IS THE CURRENT SPOKESMAN FOR THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND KISSINGER WANTS TO PAY HIS RESPECTS."

REUTERS (WASHINGTON, NO BYLINE) -- "HAK LEFT TODAY ON A WEEK-LONG TRIP TO IRAN, AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN."

ALSO ENGLAND TO SEE CALLAGHAN, THE HAGUE AND DEAUVILLE.

"U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS LIKELY TO BE A MAIN TOPIC FOR DR. KISSINGER'S LONDON TALKS, BUT THERE WAS NO FIXED AGENDA."

THE TEHERAN VISIT FOLLOWS CONTROVERSY HERE OVER THE LEVEL OF U.S. ARMS SALES TO IRAN.

HIS TALKS IN IRAN ARE ALSO LIKELY TO SEE CONCLUSION OF A DEAL TO PROVIDE THE SHAH WITH NUCLEAR REACTORS GENERATING UP TO 8,000 MEGAWATTS OF POWER.

UPI (WASHINGTON, NO BYLINE) -- SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER LEFT TODAY ON WHAT COULD BE HIS LAST FOREIGN MISSION, A WEEK-LONG TRIP TO THE PERSIAN GULF AND INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

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SOURCES CLOSE TO KISSINGER SAID THE TRIP COULD BE HIS LAST, DEPENDING ON WHO WINS THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

IF PRESIDENT FORD WINS, KISSINGER MAY WELL KEEP HIS JOB AND PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE HIS FREQUENT OVERSEAS TRIPS, THE SOURCES SAID.

THE SECRETARY IS SCHEDULED TO CONFER THURSDAY MORNING WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN BEFORE FLYING TO TEHRAN, WHERE HE IS TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE U.S.-IRANIAN JOINT COMMISSION.

KISSINGER AND CALLAGHAN ARE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE GROWING POSSIBILITY OF RACIAL VIOLENCE IN RHODESIA, AS WELL AS THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

BUT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF KISSINGER'S MISSION IS FOCUSED ON LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND ON THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT.

2. RADIO/TV (CBS/NBC NO COVERAGE) --

FOLLOWING IS INTERVIEW OF JIMMY CARTER ON FOREIGN POLICY
FROM TONIGHT'S ABC EVENING NEWS.

REASONER: TURNING TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS--YOU'VE HAD YOUR
BRIEFING FROM GEORGE BUSH, NOT FROM HAK, AND SOME PEOPLE
THINK THAT WHEN YOU REFERRED TO A "LONE RANGER" FOREIGN
POLICY YOU MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE MEANT KISSINGER. DO YOU
DISAPPROVE OF HIM IN SOME MANNER?

CARTER: YES. I THINK SECRETARY KISSINGER IS A BRILLIANT
MAN, AND A GOOD NEGOTIATOR AND HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR,
AND I LIKE HIM PERSONALLY. I THINK THE THING I DON'T
LIKE ABOUT HAK IS I DON'T BELIEVE HE TRUSTS AMERICAN
PEOPLE -- OUR JUDGEMENT, OUR COMMON SENSE. I DON'T THINK
HE HAS A DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE HIGH MORAL CHARACTER OF THE
PEOPLE TO BE (UNINTELLIGIBLE) IN WHAT OUR COUNTRY IS. HE
IS MUCH TOO INCLINED TO ACT SECRETLY, EXCLUDING US FROM
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PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, AND THAT
INCLUDES THE CONGRESS AS WELL. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS
BEEN INCLINED TO ESTABLISH HIS OWN REPUTATION WITH
HIGHLY PUBLICIZED AND SOMETIMES NON-PRODUCTIVE TRIPS--TO
PEKING SEVEN OR EIGHT TIMES AND TO MOSCOW FIVE OR SIX
TIMES. HE'S MADE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT OUR NATURAL ALLIES
AND FRIENDS--THOSE IN EUROPE, THIS HEMISPHERE AND JAPAN--
WITHOUT ADEQUATE PRIOR CONSULTATION. ONLY RECENTLY HAS HE
SHOWN ANY INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPING NATIONS OF THE WORLD.
SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE CRITICISMS I HAVE OF HIM.

HE'S RESPONDED TO SOME OF MY FOREIGN SPEECHES BY SAYING HE
CAN'T SEE ANY SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MY ATTITUDE
AND THAT OF HIMSELF, WHICH IS KIND OF A COMPLIMENT TO ME.
BUT THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES, PRIMARLY IN GETTING THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS TO FORM A MUCH BETTER
INFORMED AND BIPARTISAN NATURE OF SUPPORT OF WHAT OUR
COUNTRY IS AND WHAT WE DO IN RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER
NATIONS.

REASONER: WELL, WHAT WOULD BE SOME CHANGES, WHAT WOULD
BE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A CARTER FOREIGN POLICY AND A
KISSINGER FOREIGN POLICY, APART FROM THE FORM?

CARTER: WELL, I WOULD STRENGTHEN IT IN EVERY WAY I COULD.

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THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THE NATO AREA
--I THINK SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS BEEN INCLINED TO TREAT
THOSE NATIONS AS INDIVIDUALS, AND TO DISCOURAGE THEIR
CLOSER CORRELATION. I THINK A STRONG EUROPE MILITARILY,

ECONOMICALLY, AND POLITICALLY WOULD BE TO OUR OWN ADVANTAGE. I WOULD HAVE A MUCH GREATER EMPHASIS RECENTMENTING TORN RELATIONSHIPS THAT PRESENTLY EXIST BETWEEN OUR COUNTRY AND CANADA, OUR COUNTRY AND MEXICO, OUR COUNTRY AND THE OTHER NATIONS OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL DEFENSE. WE'VE NOT REASSESSED NOW OUR RELATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATO SINCE, I BELIEVE, 1967. THERE HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVE-
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MENT IN WEAPONS SYSTEMS SINCE THAT TIME. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE REASSURANCE GIVEN TO THE JAPANESE BEFORE WE MAKE ANY MAJOR IMMEDIATE DECISIONS THAT RELATE TO THE PRC, OR SHIPMENT OF CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OR COMMODITIES TO JAPAN LIKE SOY BEANS OR COAL--THAT WE OUGHT TO CONSULT WITH THEM. SO, THOSE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WOULD BE CHANGED. I WOULD BE INCLINED TO A FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PRC. I THINK THAT FRIENDSHIP OUGHT TO BE BASED ON STRENGTH. I WOULD NEVER YIELD IN ANY WAY THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY THAT WOULD FALL ON MY SHOULDER OR WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ALL, TO HAVE A NATION STRONG ENOUGH IN ITS DEFENSE CAPABILITY TO GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF OUR COUNTRY.

REASONER: SECRETARY KISSINGER RECENTLY BEGAN QUITE ANEW AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA. WOULD YOU APPROVE OF THAT POLICY OF STRONGER ALLIANCE WITH THE BLACK ELEMENTS IN AFRICA?

CARTER: I THINK SO. I THINK THIS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BELATEDLY BY THE ABJECT FAILURE OF THE KISSINGER/FORD/NIXON POLICY, FOR INSTANCE, IN ANGOLA. WE WERE FACED WITH REALIZATION THERE AFTER THE PORTUGUESE LEFT ANGOLA THAT WE HAD NO POLICY THAT RELATED DIRECTLY WITH THE PEOPLE OF THAT NATION. WE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF IT IN THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA HAD NOW REPLACED US COMPLETELY AS THE FRIENDS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE- AND I THINK THAT IN THE AFTERMATH OF THAT DEBACLE, WHICH WAS BROUGHT PRIMARILY BY SECRECY AND THE LACK OF PLANNING AND THE LACK OF CONSIDERATION OF THE NEEDS OF THE NATIVES OF ANGOLA, WE SUFFERED. AND IN THE ANALYSIS OF THAT SUFFERING OR MISTAKE I THINK MR. KISSINGER HAS MOVED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

REASONER: THANK YOU.

LATE ITEM --

REUTERS (LONDON, NO BYLINE) -- ITEM IS STRAIGHT FORWARD ARRIVAL PIECE, NOTING IRANIAN VISIT BUT CONCENTRATING ON MEETING TOMORROW WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA. ITEM NOTES US-UK

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SUPPOSEDLY WORKING ON PLAN TO GUARANTEE PAYMENTS FOR WHITES LEAVING RHODESIA. ALSO, CALLAGHAN IS TO BE ASSISTED AT BREAKFAST MEETING BY FCO MINISTER OF STATE ROWLANDS, AN AFRICAN SPECIALIST.

AP (LONDON, BY KEN FREED) --

"HAK ARRIVED WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR TALKS ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA, APPARENTLY BURDENED BY DOUBTS WHETHER HIS EFFORTS TO HEAD OFF A RACIAL CRISIS IN THAT TROUBLED AREA WILL WORK."

ITEM NOTES MEETING TOMORROW WITH CALLAGHAN, CONCENTRATING ON RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND UGANDA.

"REPORTERS TRAVELING WITH KISSINGER LEARNED THE SECRETARY IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FINDING SOLUTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN RHODESIA.

"WHILE SOME PROGRESS IS THOUGHT POSSIBLE IN ARRANGING A PEACEFUL TRANSITION FROM WHITE MINORITY RULE TO A BLACK GOVT, HAK IS SAID TO BELIEVE THE ODDS ARE AGAINST SUCCESS. SEC WAS DESCRIBED AS FEELING THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE AS INTRICATE AS ANY HE HAS EVER ENGAGED IN AND THEY MAY NOT PROVE SUCCESSFUL.

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